

WEATHER FORECAST
Arkansas: Showers this after-
noon tonight and Thursday. Colder
tonight and in all except extreme
outbreak Thursday. Lowest tem-
peratures tonight 40 to 45, Wed. 35 to 40.

Reds Reported Leaving Greek

Leaving Greek Town of Konitsa

By L. S. CHAKALES

Athens, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Military authorities expressed the opinion late today that guerrillas were withdrawing from besieged Konitsa and that the battle for the town, which Greek officials said was

as a capital, was virtually over. A semi-official report said "two Greek Army relief columns" had moved into the area. The guerrillas moved into the immediate environs of Konitsa and that the bulk of regular forces was waiting to cross the Greek-Albanian border at Bouronno bridge, which the guerrillas blew up. It lies west of the beleaguered town.

One relief column was within 20 miles and the other half way, advisers from the zone said.

It was reported no resistance

was encircled around the Bourgas bridge, which is situated on the one main road to Komotini. Guerrilla forces estimated to number 5,000 have been besieging Komotini garrison of 1,000 men since Christmas Day.

Athens press reports said the rebels encircling the city had launched a last desperate assault on Komotini and were being pounded by artillery fire.

The bulk of the Greek reinforcement units were reported to be within a mile of strategic Bourgas bridge.

It was predicted the rebels would blow up the bridge in their retreat, but army engineers already were working to strengthen the fording boats and bridge parts.

Lt. Gen. Kalogeropoulos, commander of the Second Army Corps sent a message to the Kouklia garrison:

"Be brave. Make a final valiant effort. Strong units are moving toward Kouklia. We shall meet and subvert the hands of the traitors."

In another message to the Vaini Brigade, which is defending Kouklia, he said:

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Rebel losses in the immediate Konitsa area were estimated at 300 dead, 600 wounded and about 100 captured. The wounded were being taken to Albanian hospitals, military sources said, and one of the report said several sections of the attacking rebel forces were retreating toward Albania, five miles north of Konitsa.

Watch Party Tonight

ture "The Ark" who forged good will between the two sides and moderate all who would like to see it. The first showing will be immediately following the Fellowship Hour for those who cannot remain throughout the entire service and the second showing will be made later in the evening.

The public is invited to attend any part or all of this service.

President

300 Toward World Peace

With his daughter, Margaret, sister, Miss Margaret Miller, Grandmother, Mr. and Mrs. Miller and his wife's family present, Mr. Truman addressed a large New Year Eve gathering of reporters. With the exception of the press, he is to have his news conference on

day before new years than on any day in Jan. The shooting conference in the White House usually fall on Thursday afternoon between 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Then, more seriously, the president spoke of the violence and later authorized direct action on his remarks. They follow:

"I want to wish all of you a happy and prosperous new year. I say to you, I think that this has been a good year — not as we would like to have had none of them ever, and I am

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Arkansas: Showers this after-
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Extreme north and 28 (G. 54) in west portion.

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By authority of the king, I award to all wounded officers and men the military cross. I reserve the privilege personally to pin these decorations on your breasts.

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Baptists Plan Watch Party Tonight

A Watch-Night Service will be held at the First Baptist Church tonight beginning with the Fellowship Hour at 7:15 o'clock and continuing until the midnight hour. A program of fun, fellowship, and a

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will be run twice in order to accom-
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2.80	4.25	7.00	7.25
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One rifle column was within eight miles and a half away, advised from the same source. It was reported no remnants were encountered along the Rostom bridge, which is situated on the road to Koutais.

number 5,000 have been slaughtering the Kontars, garboes of 500 men, since Christmas Day.

At about 10 p.m. reports came that rebels, including the city, had launched a last desperate assault on Komila and were being pounded by artillery and tanks.

The bulk of the Greek reinforced units were reported to be within a mile of strategic Boudouzi bridge, 11 miles west of Komila. It was predicted the rebels would blow up the bridge in the street, but army engineers

toring coals and bridge parts
to the St. Peterburg
commander of the Second Army Corps
sent a message to the French and
British. He wrote: "We have
made a final valiant
effort. Strong units are moving to
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shake hands today."
The other message, to the
Belgrade, which is defending
Kuntzevskaya and
the railway station, said:
"The military cross is
threefold. It is only
threefold."

New York bans Use of Private Automobiles

The killings resulted from the fact that Palestinian vehicles also were banned from the roads after midnight last night. Increased use of automobiles was blamed for disrupting bus transportation on which many commuters relied for traveling jobs. Automobiles left in the streets were interfered with by removal of the snow.

It was estimated that the ban would affect about 70,000 private automobile motorists.

Some 26 per cent of the 4,000

The killings resulted to 497 toll of fatalities in Palestine since the start of the intifada, or uprising, against Israeli rule, according to the Israeli Defense Forces.

On Nov. 28, a young Jew was found shot to death in a parking lot near the city center. He was delivering copies of an English language newspaper to Arab workers who were being killed in isolated outposts along the border.

The death of a British consular official in a bombing in Jerusalem, said to have been carried out by a militant Islamic group, was reported Tuesday.

Two Jews were wounded when a Palestinian suicide bomber was killed in a crowded market place in Jerusalem last night. The bomber, who was killed in a police shootout in the Old City, was the target of small arms fire yesterday.

Behind the scenes in this conflict, the Israeli military has been quietly building up their arsenal of nuclear weapons. A recent show-down of the Israeli navy with two Iranian ships in the Persian Gulf between 20 and 22 was launched in Jerusalem, and the Israeli navy commander has expected 2,000 nuclear warheads by the end of the century.

Following the recent Israeli military victory in Lebanon, the Israeli government has been reluctant to remain engaged in the conflict. The Israeli government has been reluctant to remain engaged in the conflict.

The public is invited to the following event:

President Looks Toward World Peace

Washington, Dec. 31—President Dwight D. Eisenhower will deliver the annual message to Congress on the state of the Union at 10:30 a.m. today.

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Hobo Enters Boxcar and Swaps Clothing With the Crew

A hobo entered a boxcar here which was occupied by a seafarer and got into a swap of his outfit of new clothes. It was reported to police about 4:30 p.m. yesterday.

County authorities and it was later discovered the hobo is actually in Hempstead county and the sheriff's department last night. The hobo said he was shooting followed an argument.

Lemley Elected to 4 Years, Has 1 to Serve Yet

James Lemley, 44, of 1001 N. 1st St., was elected to a four-year term as mayor of the city of St. Louis, Mo., last night. He has one year to serve yet.

blue dress pants, brown army
paints, 2 pairs of shoes, a sheep-
lined coat, another coat and jacket,
leather jacket and a pair of over-
alls.

It has changed right in the car
leaving this old shabby clothing
on the floor.

W. K. Lemley was arrested
a year torn in 1945 was overpowered
by your reporter in yesterday's
political roundup. Most of the
offices are for a years and this
country is completely overpowered.
The municipal judge election will
come up again in 1949.

been a good one. I have
as we would like to have
monks them ever. As we
are all coming to the
ward be a worse than
process a department
ed nation.

Greetings and Best Wishes for a Happy New Year

By These Tokens 1948 Will Be HOPE'S GREATEST YEAR

Let's All Pull Together for...

**NEW INDUSTRY
INCREASED FARM OUTPUT
IMPROVED LIVESTOCK HERDS
and GREATER PROSPERITY!**

Projects Already Announced for Hope and Scheduled to go into Production in 1948 are:

Cobbwood, Inc. —

\$200,000 plant to utilize wood-waste in the manufacture of wallboard.

New Saenger Theatre

Hope's great theatre has been rebuilt, more beautiful than ever, and is re-opening in January as the show-place of Southwest Arkansas.

Hope Development Corp. —

Organized to take over the industrial area of the SPG and promote it for factory sites.

**\$40,000 Municipal
Swimming Pool —**

To open in the Spring of 1948

Farm Market —

Money has been subscribed toward land for a local Farm Market, expected to be organized and operating during 1948.

**\$200,000 for Two New
Grade Schools —**

to be built in 1948.

HOPE DID ALL RIGHT IN 1947

In the Year Now Closing Our City Saw:

The Greatest Livestock Show in Our History.

Construction Started on Dr. and Mrs. G. E. Cannon's \$30,000 Public Library,
Assisted by N. P. O'Neal, B. W. Edwards and the Public

Opening of KXAR, Hope's New Radio Station.

1947 WASN'T SO BAD — LET'S MAKE 1948 BIGGER AND BETTER

Sponsored By The Following Hope Merchants

Hobb's Grocery & Market
Hempstead Motor Co.
McRae Implement Co.
Albert's Candy Co.
Harlan-West-Benton Lbr. Co.
Crow Burlingame Co.
Sutton Livestock Commission Co.
Saenger, Rialto, New Theatres

Hope Auto Co.
Talbot's
Rephan's
Foster's Family Shoe Store
J. C. Penney Co.
Barwick Electric Co.
Hope Builders Supply
Gunter Lumber Co.

Graydon Anthony Lumber Co.
W. Shanhouse & Sons, Inc.
Hope Steam Laundry
City Cleaners
Brookwood Grocery
Bruner-Ivory Handle Co.
Willis' Men's Store
Young Chevrolet Co.

Hitt's Shoe Store
Olie's Dairy
Western Auto Associate Store
Crescent Drug Store
Mhoon's Jewelry Store
Wylie Motor Co.
Yellow Cab Co.
Phone 2 or 679
Williams Flour & Feed